



Supported Independent Living

Your funding guide

If you think Supported Independent Living with Melba might be right for you, here's some information on who we are and what's involved in getting SIL funding.

For more than 50 years, Melba has supported Victorians with disability to live life their way. As a quality, registered NDIS provider, we deliver **tailored, person led support** built around **dignity, choice** and **human rights**.

What sets Melba apart is our unwavering commitment to understanding and supporting complex needs. Whether you have high intensity medical needs, multiple physical, intellectual, or sensory disabilities, use behaviours of protest, have societal complexities or are responding to newly acquired disabilities like brain or spinal injuries – we have the expertise and experience to support you.

What is Supported Independent Living?

Supported Independent Living (SIL) is funding for **24/7 or rostered support*** at home, not the house itself. SIL is for people who need regular support to live independently. Melba provides SIL in a range of housing options, from shared living with round the clock support to support as required in your own home.

1 Is SIL is right for you?

You may be eligible for SIL if:

- > you have a permanent disability and need **24/7 or rostered support*** to live by yourself or with others
- > you need support with everyday things like personal care, taking medication and household tasks.

No two people are the same. At Melba, SIL is shaped around what works for you.

24/7 or rostered support may be:

- > significant support during the day
- > overnight support
- > support all day and night.

2 Prepare for your NDIS planning meeting

Before your meeting talk with your your key support (support coordinator, local area coordinator, NDIS planner) about your goals around home, independence and daily living.

Gather documents that explain how your disability affects your daily life and the day to day support you need. These may include:

- > Behaviour Support Plan (if relevant)
- > Occupational Therapist Functional Capacity Assessment
- > reports or letters explaining your disability related needs
- > examples of daily tasks you require support with
- > carer impact statement (if relevant).

3 Submit your information to the NDIS

Send your reports to the NDIS. This may also include a *Change of situation* request if your needs have changed. See also *Change in circumstances* on NDIS website.

Important: All documentation **must** have been completed in the past 12 months. Please make sure all information is consistent.

4 Ask for SIL at your NDIS planning meeting

At your planning meeting:

- > make it clear that you are **requesting SIL funding**
 - > explain how SIL would help you reach your goals and live independently
 - > have evidence to support your request.
- Your key support can help guide this conversation.

5 The NDIS makes a decision

The NDIS Home and Living team will review your information to decide if SIL is:

- > reasonable and necessary
- > the right level of support for your needs.

If approved, SIL funding will be included in your NDIS plan and confirmed in writing. This can take up to 12 months.

Do you need Specialist Disability Accommodation?

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) is **about the house you live in, not the supports**. SDA is NDIS funding for purpose built housing designed to meet the needs of people with complex support needs and/or physical disability. It covers the design and accessibility features of the building itself, not daily supports, utilities or rent. Melba partners with registered developers and providers to deliver a range of SDA housing that leads to better living environments and better lives.



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